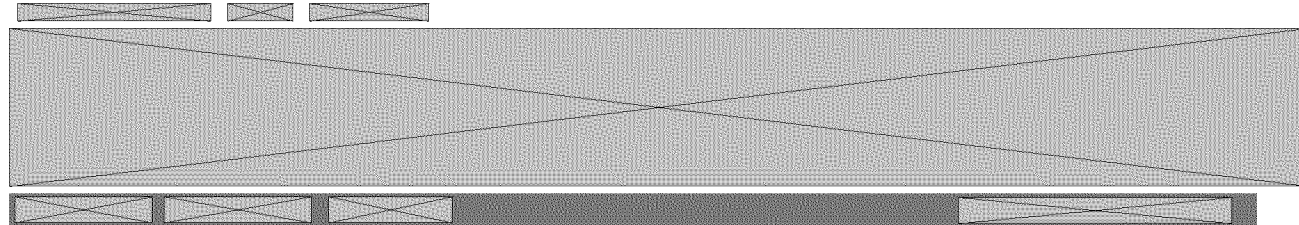


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Court Leaves Engine Exemption In Effect Until May

A regulatory exemption that allows backup generators to operate for up to 100 hours per year without emissions controls as part of an emergency demand-response program may remain in effect until May 1, 2016, despite an adverse court ruling, a federal appeals court said Aug. 14 (Del. Dep't of Natural Res. & Env'tl. Control v. EPA, D.C. Cir., No. 13-1093, motion granted 8/14/15).

(Agency: Environmental Protection Agency)

EPA Amends Greenhouse Gas Permitting Regulations

The Environmental Protection Agency is amending its greenhouse gas permitting regulations to remove language vacated by federal courts as part of a final rule released Aug. 14.

(Agency: Environmental Protection Agency)

EPA Proposes Methane Limits for Existing Landfills

The Environmental Protection Agency proposed Aug. 14 to significantly reduce the threshold that would require existing municipal solid waste landfills to capture emissions of landfill gas.

(Agency: Environmental Protection Agency)

EPA Proposes Phosphorus Limits for Lake Champlain

Cleanup plans for 12 segments of Lake Champlain are intended to reduce the amount of phosphorus pollution contaminating the water body, the Environmental Protection Agency said Aug. 14 in announcing the proposed limits.

(Agency: Environmental Protection Agency)

EPA to Delete Saraland, Ala., From Priorities List

The Environmental Protection Agency said it intends to delete the Redwing Carriers Inc. (Saraland) Superfund Site in Mobile County, Ala., from the National Priorities List (NPL) in an Aug. 14 proposed rule. Groundwater, soil and sediment at the site were contaminated by trucking operations conducted by Redwing Carriers between 1961 and 1971, according to the agency. The contaminants of greatest concern were polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, pesticides and volatile organic compounds, the EPA ...

(Agency: Environmental Protection Agency)

No Formal Approval Needed for Anti-Degradation Methods

States and authorized tribes won't need approval from the Environmental Protection Agency for methods they use to protect water quality from being degraded through development or other activity that could lead to discharges of pollutants under a newly released EPA regulation.

(Agency: Environmental Protection Agency)

NTP Analyzing Perfluorinated Chemicals' Immune Effects

Information about recently completed or ongoing research that could offer insight as to whether two perfluorinated chemicals harm the immune system is being sought by the National Toxicology Program.

(Agency: Environmental Protection Agency)

Power Plan's Justice Actions Part of EPA Trend

The Environmental Protection Agency's efforts to protect vulnerable communities under its landmark Clean Power Plan rule have been hailed as unprecedented, with many Washington observers saying it is part of a trend at the agency to assess and address more thoroughly environmental justice in its rules.

(Agency: Environmental Protection Agency)

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Asbestos

Asbestos Expert Allowed to Turn Down Honeywell Subpoena

An expert who frequently testifies for plaintiffs in asbestos exposure cases won't have to comply with a defense subpoena probing his influence over the National Cancer Institute's position on asbestos risks in automotive brake repair, a federal court ruled Aug. 13 (Frank v. Honeywell Int'l Inc., 2015 BL 260668, E.D. Pa., No. 15-mc-00172, 8/13/15). [More »](#)

Chemicals

China Chemical Explosions Prompt Nationwide Inspections

China's central government ordered nationwide inspections of chemical storage, production, transport, logistics and port facilities, after deadly explosions at a chemical storage facility in the northeast port city of Tianjin, the Safety Committee of the State Council announced Aug. 14. [More »](#)

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Extreme Weather Puts World Food Production at Risk

The risk of global food production shocks and price spikes is rising due to increasingly intense storms and more frequent flood and drought events associated with warmer temperatures, U.S. and British researchers said Aug. 14. [More »](#)

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Peabody Energy Asks Court to Block Power Plant Rule

Peabody Energy Corp. is seeking an emergency writ from a federal appellate court to block implementation of the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Power Plan (In re Murray Energy Corp., D.C. Cir., No. 14-1112, petition for emergency writ 8/13/15). [More »](#)

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California Raises Prospects for Energy Storage

The potential for grid-scale energy storage may expand soon, and if it does, California regulations most likely will be the driving force, in the view of one energy consultant. [More »](#)

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Energy Intensity Falls in China Provinces

Each of China's provinces, autonomous regions and state-level municipalities saw reductions in energy intensity per unit of gross domestic product in the first half of the year, the government announced. The biggest drops compared to the first half of 2014 came in the municipality of Shanghai (down 8.71 percent); in the provinces of

BNA INSIGHTS

Pipelines and Terrorism: Parlaying Your Company's Pipeline Security Program Into Legal Liability Protections

By John A. Drennan and Alexander K. Haas: The Support Antiterrorism by Fostering Effective Technologies Act of 2002, a section of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-296), is a little-known means to address liability issues that might arise when pipelines are attacked by terrorists. The act provides incentives for developing and deploying antiterrorism technologies by providing liability protections for claims arising out of, relating to, or resulting from an act of terrorism. ...

Hebei (down 7.19 percent), Jilin (down 7.05 percent) and Zhejiang (down 6.11 percent); and in the municipality of Tianjin (down 6.04 percent). The Aug. 13 ... [More »](#)

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Japan Environment Minister Backs Nuclear Over Coal

After restarting one of 50 nuclear power reactors that had been idled since the 2011 Fukushima reactor meltdown, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's government announced steps to bring more nuclear reactors back on line, and the top environment official said the country should reject a new coal-fired power plant. [More »](#)

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Greater Carbon Reductions Linked to Energy Efficiency

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Fracking Ban Booted Off November Ballot in Ohio

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Congress to Look at Coal Funding Ban, Permitting in Fall

Senate efforts to streamline environmental permitting for major energy and other projects and to overturn President Barack Obama's ban on funding overseas coal-fired power plants stalled just before Congress left for its August recess, but they are likely to get another look from the House and Senate this fall. [More »](#)

Oil Spills

Council Releases Gulf Ecosystem Priorities List

A coalition of Gulf Coast governors and federal officials is proposing to use \$139.6 million of settlement money from the Deepwater Horizon explosion to fund restoration activities such as hydrologic restoration, land conservation, and planning for large-scale restoration projects across the region, the group announced Aug. 14. [More »](#)

Regulatory Policy

Agencies to Eliminate Two Dozen Rules, Provisions

Federal agencies have identified two dozen rules or regulatory provisions that they will "remove wholesale" from the books as part of their twice yearly look-back at all existing regulations, the nation's top regulatory official said. [More »](#)

Superfund

Consent Order Didn't Trigger CERCLA Filing Clock

A Superfund cost-recovery claim isn't time-barred where the cleanup is ongoing and the state only approved the plan four years ago, a federal court in California has ruled (Cal. River Watch v. Fluor Corp., 2015 BL 256495, N.D. Cal., No. 10-cv-05105, 8/7/15). [More »](#)

Trade

Commerce Decisions in Solar Reviews Challenged

Commerce Department determinations in closely watched unfair trade cases on solar products from China are being challenged in the U.S. Court for International Trade by both SolarWorld Americas Inc. and foreign producers, according to recent court filings. [More »](#)

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EU Tariffs on Chinese Solar Glass Go as High as 75%

The European Union raised tariffs on solar glass from China, saying EU producers need extra protection from Chinese competitors. [More »](#)

Water Pollution

California Company Accused of Illegal Toxic Discharges

A plastic products manufacturer is violating the Clean Water Act by releasing toxic chemicals into a stormwater system that discharges at San Francisco Bay, environmental advocates alleged in a complaint filed in a federal district court (Plastic Pollution Coal. v. TE Connectivity, dba Tyco Electronics Corp., N.D. Calif. , No. 3:15-cv-3658, 8/11/15). [More »](#)

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Days After Spill, Animas River Opens to Recreation

The Animas River has reopened for recreational use, with a health advisory from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, following an accidental mining waste release eight days earlier by the Environmental Protection Agency. [More »](#)

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North Carolina Opposes Utility's Coal Ash Removal Plan

The North Carolina Department of the Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has filed a motion in state court opposing Duke Energy's plan to clean up unlined coal ash pits at three electricity-generating plants (North Carolina v. Duke Energy Carolinas LLC, N.C. Super. Ct. , No. 13 CVS 9352, motion filed, 8/12/15). [More »](#)

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